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| In re Application of | : | Attn: Mail Stop Issue Fee |
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| For: VIBRATION DAMPING FOR A ROTATING SHAFT | : | Allowed: December 17, 2009 |

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Pham for the Notice of Allowability and the thorough examination of the present application. However, Applicant believes the description of the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may lead to a possible misinterpretation of independent claims 10 and 18 of the present application. Thus, Applicant wishes to make the following comments of record.

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, all of limitations of both all independent claims 10 and 18 are mentioned in a single long paragraph, which may inappropriately infer that all of the independent claims include such limitations. Thus, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is not commensurate with the scope of the independent claims as allowed. Thus, Applicant wishes to make the following comments of record.

Applicant agree that the prior art does not disclose all of the limitations mentioned in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. However, independent claims 10 and 18 also do not require all of the limitations mentioned in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Claim 10 does not require the limitations with respect to the reduction gear and the case as recited in claim 18. Also claim 18 does not require the limitations with respect to the control element as recited in claim 10. Thus, to the extent that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may lead to a possible misinterpretation of independent claims of the present

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application, Applicant respectfully objects to the Statement for Reasons of Allowance because it is not commensurate with the scope of independent claims as allowed.

Entry of these comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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